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Part 1: ff. 1-139

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Text 1: f. 1 blank; ff. 1v-28; f. 28v blank

Author: Boethius

Title: Arithmetica

Language(s): Latin



Binding Front cover with remains of 2 fore edge clasps; visible at tear on spine, double sewing supports of cabled cord laced and pegged through a single hole from outside to inside of board.

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f. 1v Parted and flourished initial.

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f. 2 Chapter list numbered in arabic numerals.

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f. 9 Multiplication table in red and green ink.

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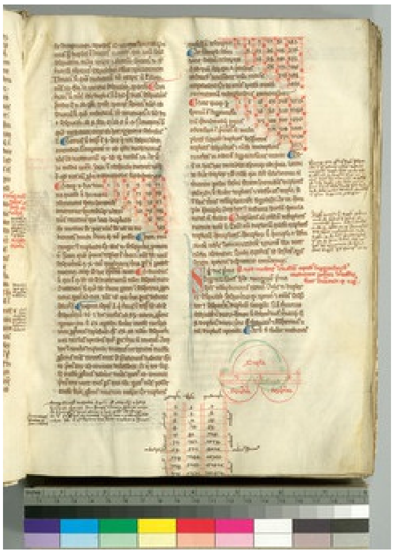
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f. 13 Tables of powers of 2, 3, 4.

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ff. 14v-15 Red and green ink diagrams; reader's notes in the lower margin.

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f. 15 Various figurate numbers.

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f. 25 Space reserved for rubrics and charts.

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f. 28 Red and green ink diagrams.

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Text 2: f. 29 blank; ff. 29v-139v
Author: Euclid
Other Associate: Campanus of Novara, commentator
Title: Geometria
Language(s): Latin



f. 29v Change of hand at change of text.

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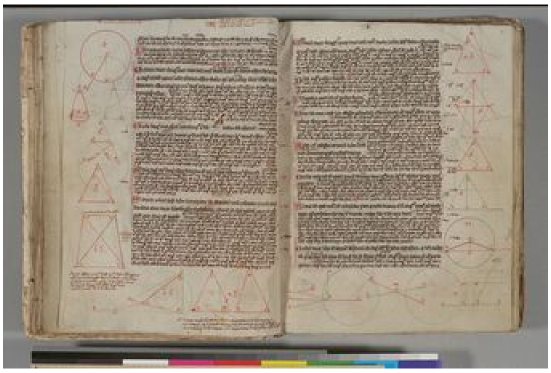
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f. 30 Shift from 2-column to long line format.

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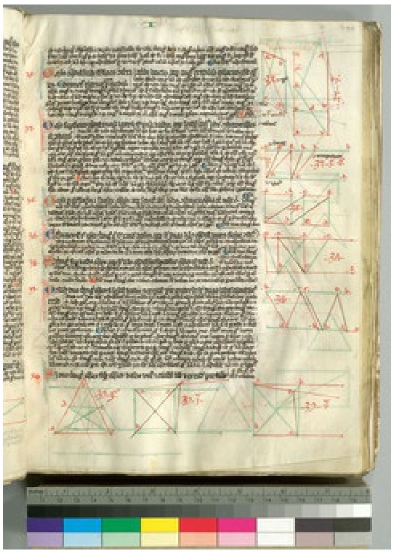
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ff. 30v-31 Text and commentary within the same written space, distinguished by size of script; diagrams.

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f. 33 Figure illustrating propositions I:36, 37, 38, and 39.

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f. 34 Pythagorean theorem and II:1 and 2.

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f. 40 Various cases of III:30.

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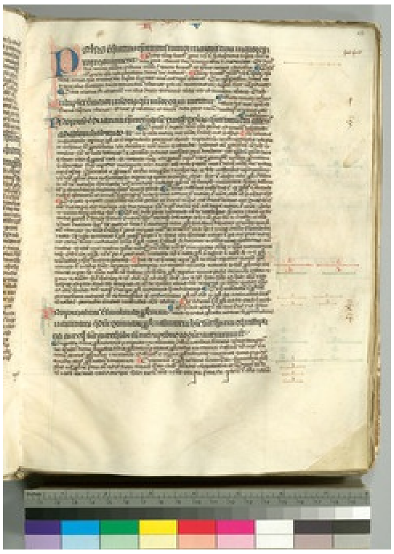
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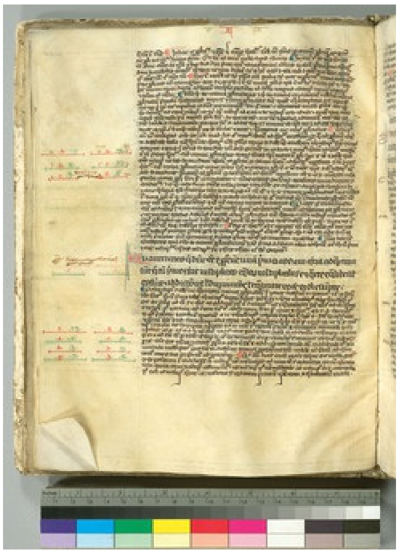
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f. 45 Lemmas to construction of pentagon.

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f. 45v Construction of a pentagon.

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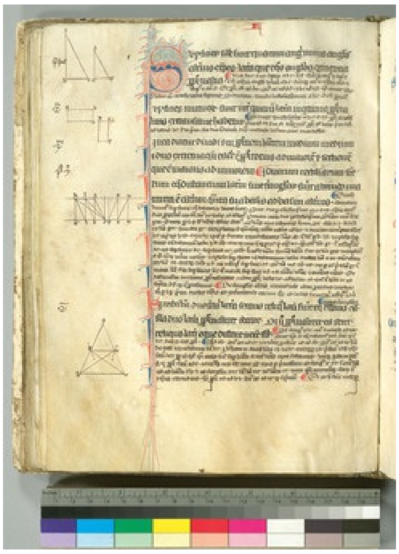
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f. 52v Upper catchword to next quire's text; lower catchword to next quire's commentary.

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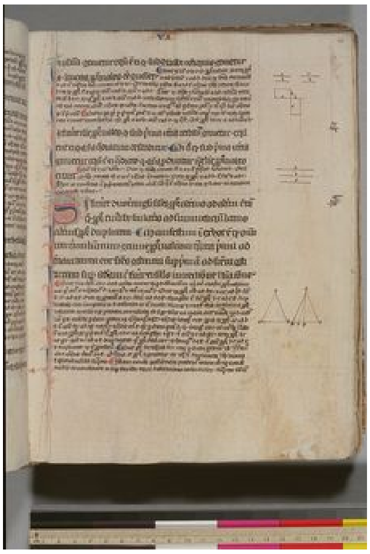
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f. 53v Book VI:1, 2 and 3.

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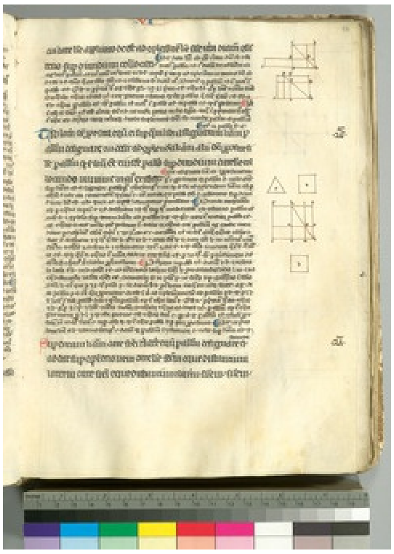
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f. 56 Parted and flourished initial.

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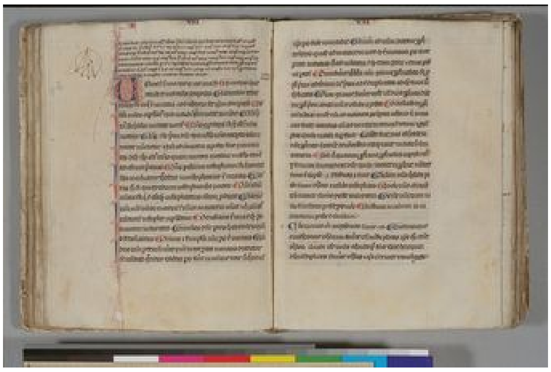
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f. 58 Book VI:26, 27.

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ff. 59v-60 Text on every second line; commentary on each line; parted and flourished initial.

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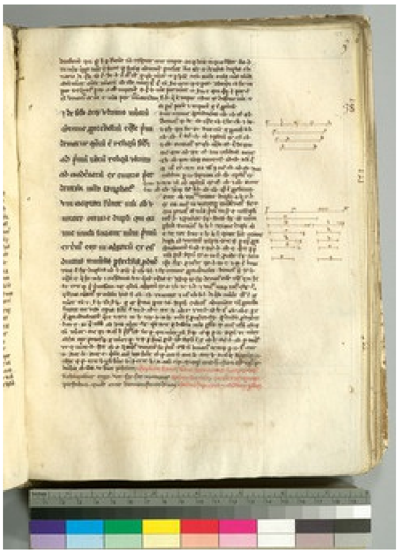
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f. 65 At quire break, shift to placing text within narrower ruled space.

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f. 77 Illustration for IX:38.

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f. 96 Uneven fore edges of lesser quality parchment.

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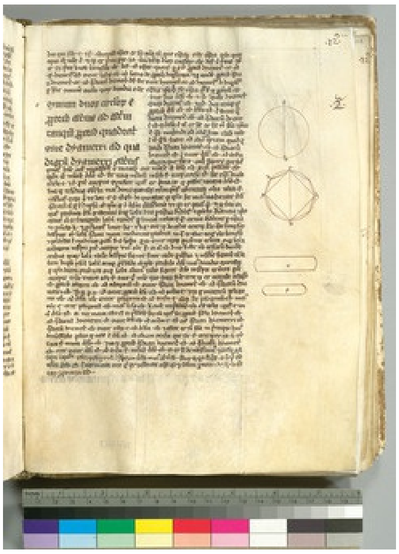
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f. 105 Three-dimensional drawings to illustrate Book XI:20 and 21.

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f. 112 Book XII:2.

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f. 112v Text written within narrower space or in long lines, according to amount of gloss; catchword in frame.

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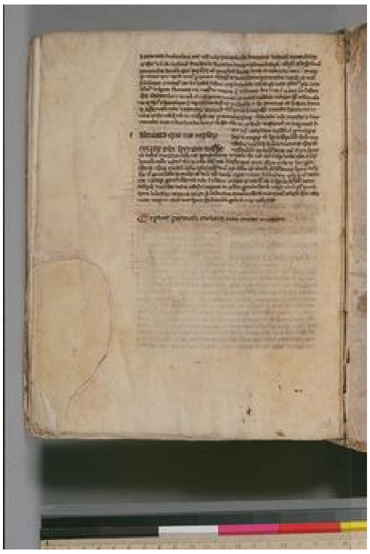
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f. 122 Book XIII:7 and 8 (erroneously labeled 9).

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f. 139v Erasure (of decoration only?) above and below explicit.

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